



Eau Claire County Housing Authority

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY AG & RESOURCE CENTER

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This sheet is for your information. Please keep it for your reference. Do not turn it in with your application.

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY (HA) APPLICATION PROCESS

This application is used to start you on the waiting list for every program you indicate interest in.

WE DO NOT PROVIDE EMERGENCY HOUSING OR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR RENT OR UTILITY PAYMENTS

This informational sheet is designed to answer some of your questions about us and our application process. Our goal is to provide you affordable rental housing **within Eau Claire County**. In the programs we operate, the rent and utilities are based on approximately 30% of an eligible applicant's income. This may vary due to program guidelines. Exact rents are not determined until your application has been pulled from the waiting list for processing, you have turned in all verifications, and you are determined eligible to be housed in Public Housing or to attend a briefing for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

To apply, you must complete and return the Application in its entirety with signatures from everyone 18 or older. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Please be advised, you will not be contacted following submission of an application but will be placed on a waiting list for assistance. Placement of your application on our waiting list does not mean you have been preapproved or determined to be eligible for our unit or program(s). Eligibility will not be determined until your application has been pulled from the waiting list when there is a subsidy available and all information has been verified. At that time, your application and all necessary documentation will be reviewed to determine if you qualify for our program(s), and you will be notified via postal mail of the decision. Family size, income limits, unit size etc., and any questions you have will be discussed **after** there is an opening for your family and we begin the screening of your application.

In the Housing Choice Voucher Program, after an applicant has come to the top of the waiting list, attended a briefing, and been issued a voucher, the **applicant finds** housing in Eau Claire County. The unit must pass inspection before being approved. After approval, the Housing Authority pays a portion of your rent directly to your landlord, and you pay your portion of the rent directly to your landlord. Your gross income must fall within the very-low-income limits to qualify for the Voucher Program.

In Public Housing, the Housing Authority is your landlord and you would rent one of the rental units **owned by the HA**. These units are one, Two, Three and four-bedroom units in the Town of Washington and City of Altoona. The unit you will be offered depends on availability and the number of people in your household. Your gross income must fall within the very-low-income limits and you must have suitable rental history to qualify for Public Housing. There is usually a waiting list for certain bedroom sizes.

Participants in our rental programs are encouraged to participate in our Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. In this program Housing Authority staff assists in the coordination of existing area supportive services to help participants become economically self-sufficient and off all types of housing assistance. The family is under a five-year contract to follow an individualized four-year-plan for whatever training, schooling, etc. is needed, and the head-of-household must work throughout the contract period (number of hours per week vary depending on the number of hours required for training). Increases in earned income by the family during the contract period result in deposits to an escrow savings established for the family. These funds are distributed to the family upon successful completion of the program by the family.

ALL CONTACT WILL BE MADE THROUGH POSTAL MAIL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU REPORT ALL CHANGES TO YOUR APPLICATION, **ESPECIALLY A NEW ADDRESS,** TO AVOID REMOVAL FROM THE WAITING LIST.

Anyone who is within six months of turning 18 years old and who falls within the income guidelines may apply, but you will not receive assistance until you are at least 18 years old. Persons must be at least 18 years old to sign a lease.

We screen all adult applicants. While all complete applications are accepted for processing, the HA may deny assistance to any person who:

- Has been involved in violent or drug-related criminal activity, alcohol abuse, or other criminal activity (3-year ban); or
- Has been involved in the manufacture or production of methamphetamine and the possession of illegal drugs with the intent to deliver (Lifetime ban); or
- Has engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior toward HA personnel (Lifetime ban); or
- Is subject to sex offender registration (Lifetime ban); or
- Has committed or been terminated or evicted for fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any federal housing program (Lifetime ban); or
- Currently owes rent or other amounts to the HA or another HA, or a landlord while on the Voucher program (until money is paid in full after 3-year ban); or
- Has been evicted from federally assisted housing or terminated from housing assistance (5-year ban); or
- Is an illegal alien (must be eligible citizen or a legal resident)?

Note: this list is NOT all-inclusive. You may be denied assistance for additional reasons as outlined in the HA Voucher Program Administrative Plan and Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan.

Applications are purged from our waiting list every six (6) months. You will be contacted via mail asking if you are still interested in our programs. In order to remain on the waiting list, you must complete and return the purge/update notice by the designated deadline date.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

APPLICATIONS FOR Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher assistance will be denied without subsequent review or opportunity for appeal if your application has been denied previously and you:

- Did not appeal the denial by the 10-day appeal deadline; or
- Appealed the denial, but either didn't respond to schedule the informal meeting or didn't show up at the designated time and place for the informal meeting; or
- Appealed the denial, had an informal meeting, and the denial was upheld by the executive director.

These policies do not pertain to occurrences that resulted in denial of assistance if the time period for such a denial has passed (i.e. if the three-year or five-year period for denial of assistance has subsequently ended, as applicable).

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The attached 'Preliminary Application' is for placement on our **waiting list ONLY.**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

Carefully read and complete the application in its entirety. Omission of information will be considered falsification of your application. All questions must be answered YES, NO, or N/A (not applicable).

Upon completion, please return the application to the office listed below; whether in person or by mail, if the application is not complete, the application will not be put on the waiting list.

Once your application is processed, your name will be placed on our waiting list. You may call our office at 715-839-6240 to find out where you are on the waiting list, or to report any changes or updates. **WE WILL NOT ESTIMATE HOW LONG OF A WAIT YOUR MIGHT HAVE BEFORE YOU APPLICATION IS PULLED FROM THE WAITING LIST.** This application will be reviewed with you and verified when a subsidy is available. No information needs to be submitted with the application.

It is important you update and report changes in your household situation, especially changes in **household members or a new address**, to avoid loss of contact when a subsidy is available; or when our waiting list is purged every six months.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. To report changes or if you have questions about your application, please call us at 715-839-6240; or Fax: 715-598-6076; or

email: Housing.Assistant@co.eau-claire.wi.us.

The Eau Claire County Housing Authority is currently offering the following programs.

Please check only those programs you are interested in.

Rental Assistance Program- this is a rent subsidy program for eligible low-income families who, once they are approved for the program, they will find a rental their own unit; which must be decent, safe, and sanitary. The housing Authority will then pay a portion of the rent directly to the landlord and the client will also pay their portion directly to the landlord. Supportive services are also available to rent assistance participants under the Family Unification Program (FUP) and Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS). **Eligible applicants must live in or agree to move to a rental unit within the program designated geographic area. Unless specified, our jurisdiction is within Eau Claire County.**

Mainstream Housing Choice Voucher

1) Are you a non-elderly adult (at least 18 but less than 62) with disabilities? **Yes/No** (circle one)

2) Do any of the following situations apply to you? **Yes/No** (circle one and mark any below)

____ Transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting

____ At serious risk of becoming institutionalized

____ Are Homeless

____ At risk of becoming homeless

Fairchild Senior Living- this is a 11-unit apartment building in Fairchild for eligible low-income households who are **55 or older**. Once they are approved for the program, clients will rent a unit in Fairchild owned by the Eau Claire County Housing Authority. Most tenants are also eligible for reduced rents if they meet the income limits.

Public Housing/Family Self-Sufficiency – the Housing Authority currently owns or manages duplexes and single family homes (two, three and four bedroom) on scattered sites in Altoona and the Town of Washington. These homes are rented, at low rents, to clients who are determined eligible for these particular unit sizes. Clients are encouraged to participate in our Family Self- Sufficiency Program. The goal of the FSS Program is to enable participants to become economically self- sufficient. The Housing Authority will help coordinate needed supportive services on behalf of the families. The head of household is required to maintain paid employment while on the program, increasing earned income until the family meets self- sufficiency requirements.

Golden Acres I- These are low rent one-bedroom units (**approximately 350 sq. ft**) located on Spooner Ave in Altoona WI for eligible low-income households which are owned by the Altoona Housing Authority.



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PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS

If you wish to apply to be put on our waiting list, please provide us with the following information. It is important to complete all requested information and sign the bottom of this page. **Incomplete applications will not be processed.** The Housing Choice Voucher or Public Housing rental lease will be issued to the designated head-of-household.

HEAD-OF-HOUSEHOLD:		
MAILING STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY/STATE/ZIP:		
PHONE#:	CELL PHONE#:	WORK PHONE#:
EMAIL: (if used)		
ALTERNATE CONTACT NAME:		PHONE#:
Living situation: (Please circle any that apply) House Apartment Trailer Friend Family Shelter Vehicle Street		
Are your child/children with you currently? YES or NO Foster Care Other: _____		

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	RELATIONSHIP	BIRTH DATE	US CITIZEN Y/N	AGE	SEX M/F	SOCIAL SECURITY #
			SELF					

INCOME DECLARATION

HOUSEHOLD MEMBER	SOURCE OF INCOME	GROSS WEEKLY WAGES	MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT	MONTHLY SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS	WEEKLY BENEFITS WORKMANS COMP	ALL OTHER INCOME

I/we certify that the information given to the Eau Claire County Housing Authority on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/we understand that false statements or information are punishable under federal law and/or State law. I/we also understand that false statements or information are grounds for denial or termination of housing assistance and/or tenancy. I understand that my signature provides consent to the Eau Claire County Housing Authority authorizing contact with other public and private agencies and/or persons for screening and eligibility purposes.

Signature of head: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Other Adult: _____

Date: _____